REMARKS

Applicants have filed the present Amendment in reply to the outstanding Official

Action of November 13, 2006.

At the outset and before addressing particular rejections raised in the present

Official Action, the Applicants have amended the specification to provide editorial and

typographical corrections which have been amended in the parent application Serial Number

09/200,583.

The Abstract has been amended to comply with the 150 word limit.

Claim 28 has been amended to correct the informalities cited by the Examiner.

In order to obviate the nonstatutory double patenting rejection of U.S. Patent

6,657,952, a Terminal Disclaimer is being filed concurrently herewith in compliance with 37

C.F.R. 1.321. The requisite fee is also enclosed.

Applicants submit that the above Amendments are fully responsive to the Official

Action. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request early and favorable consideration of the

present application, as amended herein.

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